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TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL AIDES VISIT

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FOR DCM LEHMANN FROM WENZEL

1. GVN INFORMATION OFFICE HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT VISIT REPORTED REFTEL:

A. GVN WILL PROVIDE BRIEFINGS ON GENERAL MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SITUATION. APPOINTMENTS WILL BE ARRANGED WITH A NUMBER OF RANKING GVN OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS ON FACE-TO-FACE BASIS. GROUP WILL MAKE FIELD TRIPS TO MILITARY REGIONS I AND IV. EMPHASIS ON BRIEFINGS AND FIELD TRIPS WILL BE MORE ON RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION RATHER THAN ON MILITARY ASPECTS OF POST CEASE-FIRE SITUATION.

B. SOCIAL FUNCTIONS WILL BE SCHEDULED TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS INCLUDING OPPOSITIONISTS, AND OTHER SAIGON PERSONALITIES.

C. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF SCHEDULING A TRIP TO CON SON

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IF THE GROUP IS INTERESTED.

D. STAFF AIDES HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN CALLING ON
AMB. MARTIN.

E. GVN ACION OFFICER IN SAIGON IS NGUYEN NGOC BICH,
ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE OVERSEAS INFORMATION OFFICE.
GROUP'S MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR OR OTHER EMBASSY PERSONNEL
CAN BE ARRANGED THROUGH HIM.

2. JACK ANDERSON COLUMN APRIL 6 REPORTED A NUMBER OF IN-
STANCES, INCLUDING SUBJECT VISIT, WHERE FOREIGN GOVERN-
MENTS IN QUEST OF U.S. BENEFITS ARE NOW USING "REVERSE
LOBBYING" BY INVITING CONGRESSMEN AND STAFF TO VISIT THEIR
COUNTRIES AND PICKING UP THE TAB. ANDERSON SUGGESTS THAT
SUCH TRIPS ABROAD FINANCED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS MAY BE
IN VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION. AS A RESULT OF THIS
PUBLICITY, DAVID MCKILLOP HAS INFORMED US THAT HE IS DROP-
PING OUT OF THE GROUP. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY ADDITIONAL
CANCELLATIONS AT THIS TIME, BUT WILL INFORM YOU IF THIS
HAPPENS. RUSH

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